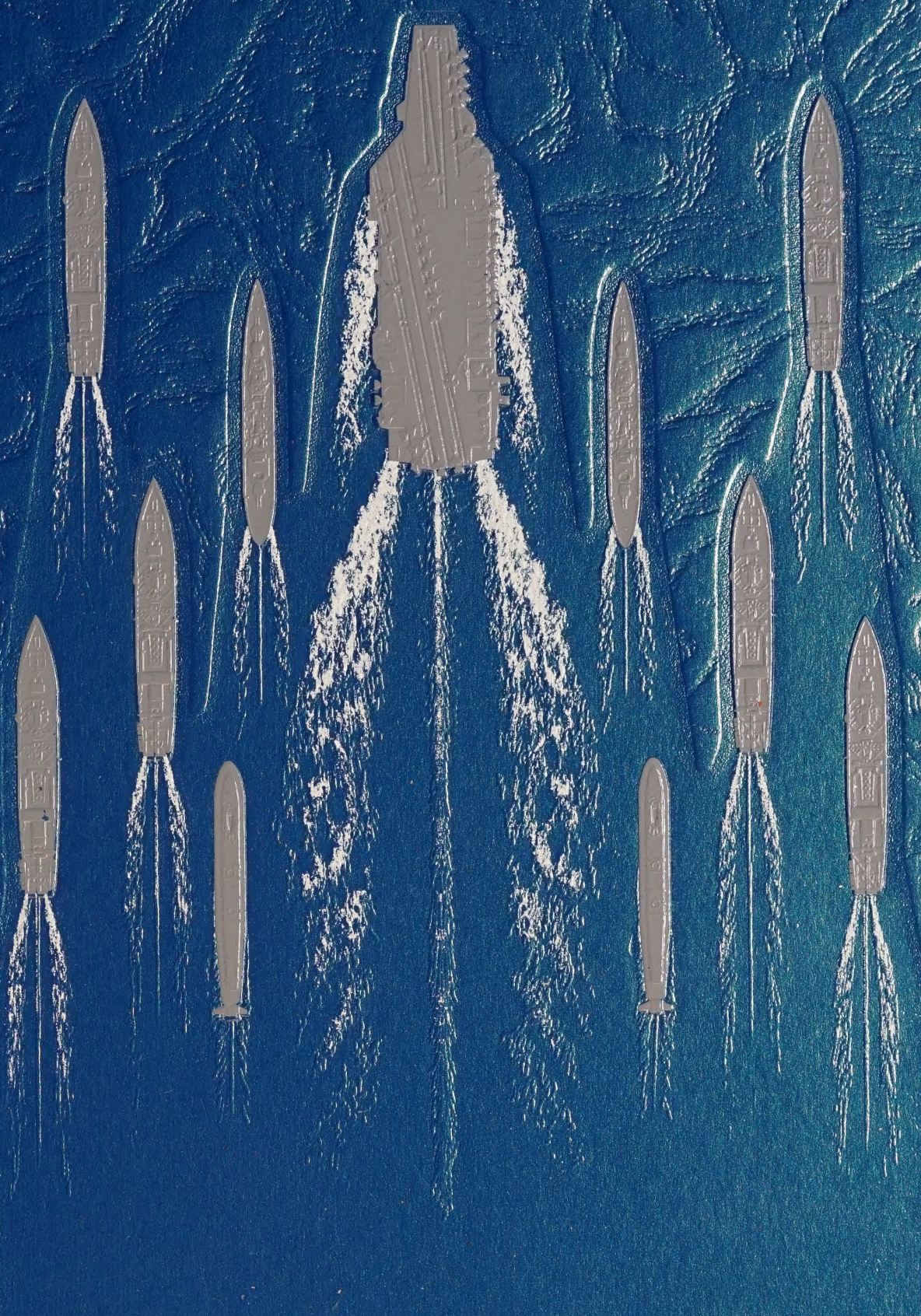




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Message from the Editor

Class of 2016, Parents, Alumni, and anyone else who stumbles across this edition of the Lucky Bag,

Whether you are at home in your living room, on board a ship in the Pacific Ocean, or standing at a mate's desk in Bancroft Hall, I hope this message finds you well. As you flip through the pages of the largest and most celebrated yearbook to date, you will find that the Lucky Bag staff has divided this book into three main sections (Mid-Life, Sports, and ECAs) before it goes into the photos of all thirty companies. What you will also find are several photos that are intended to relate back to the 2016 theme of "Messages." As conveyed in the following pages, these messages can range from literal forms of communication from one person to another or be more figurative messages such as an action that carries an implication. When a carrier strike group is commanded to perform missions off the coast of a particular country, a message is communicated

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Aside from all the Midshipmen who helped out with this book, I would like to recognize all who made this yearbook possible. A huge thank you goes to Phil Hoffman, Debbie Latta, Ellen Sherman, Betty McElderry, Joanna Nightingale, the USNA PAO Office, and everyone with Jostens Publishing Company.

I would also like to dedicate this book in honor of 2016 classmates Hans Loewen and Rolando Amador. May your messages to all friends, family, and classmates remain strong and clear forever.

Fair Wind and Following Seas,

Jeff Martino



Class of 2016,

On behalf of the Naval Academy Class of 1966, I congratulate the Class of 2016 as you graduate and march forward to join the Navy and Marine Corps in service to our nation.

My classmates have watched you with pride as you progressed through the Academy. From the first day, you have proven to be a remarkable class. You were enthusiastic, bold, and determined. You leave an enviable record on the athletic fields, in the classrooms, and throughout the Yard.

Now, as you toss your hats into the air at graduation, you will join the Fleet to fulfill the purpose of your education. Some of you will choose to serve a few years, and then go on to succeed in other professions. Others of you will choose to remain active in the Naval Service for a career. All of you will be presented with incredible opportunities to serve our Nation.

When 1966 graduated, we were engaged in the Cold War with the Soviet Union. The stakes were high. Viet Nam was the conflict, and most of us fought in that war. We lost seventeen classmates there. You have a very different enemy today, more complex and a serious threat to our way of life. 1966 salutes you and we are counting on you to keep us safe.

As Naval Leaders, your first duty is to serve. Always remember those Sailors and Marines you lead and take good care of them. They trust you, they will amaze you with what they can accomplish, and they look to you for leadership, inspiration, and guidance. Today's Navy-Marine Corps team is the most formidable military force in the world's history. You are now a vital part of that force!

You can be justly proud of all that the Class of 2016 has accomplished, but you have just begun. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Be bold and be strong. Borrowing from the Marines' Creed: May you not have to go into harm's way on your watch; but if you do, may you never be the second warrior there!

Carlton W. Fulford, Jr.
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Sending *Messages* in the 21st Century

Communication between Midshipmen has changed greatly over recent years and is now completely different than how Midshipmen communicated with each other 50 years ago. Instead of word of mouth, posting on cork boards in the pee-way, and blindly relying on the postal service, our generation has online communication services such as iMessage, Instagram, and Snapchat that can get information from one person to another in the blink of an eye. At the same time, some methods remain. Bancroft Hall still relies on the 1MC to quickly and efficiently pass information to the Brigade, similar to how announcements are made in the fleet. Technology has made messaging easier, but some things may never change.

Supporting the Brigade Through *Messages*

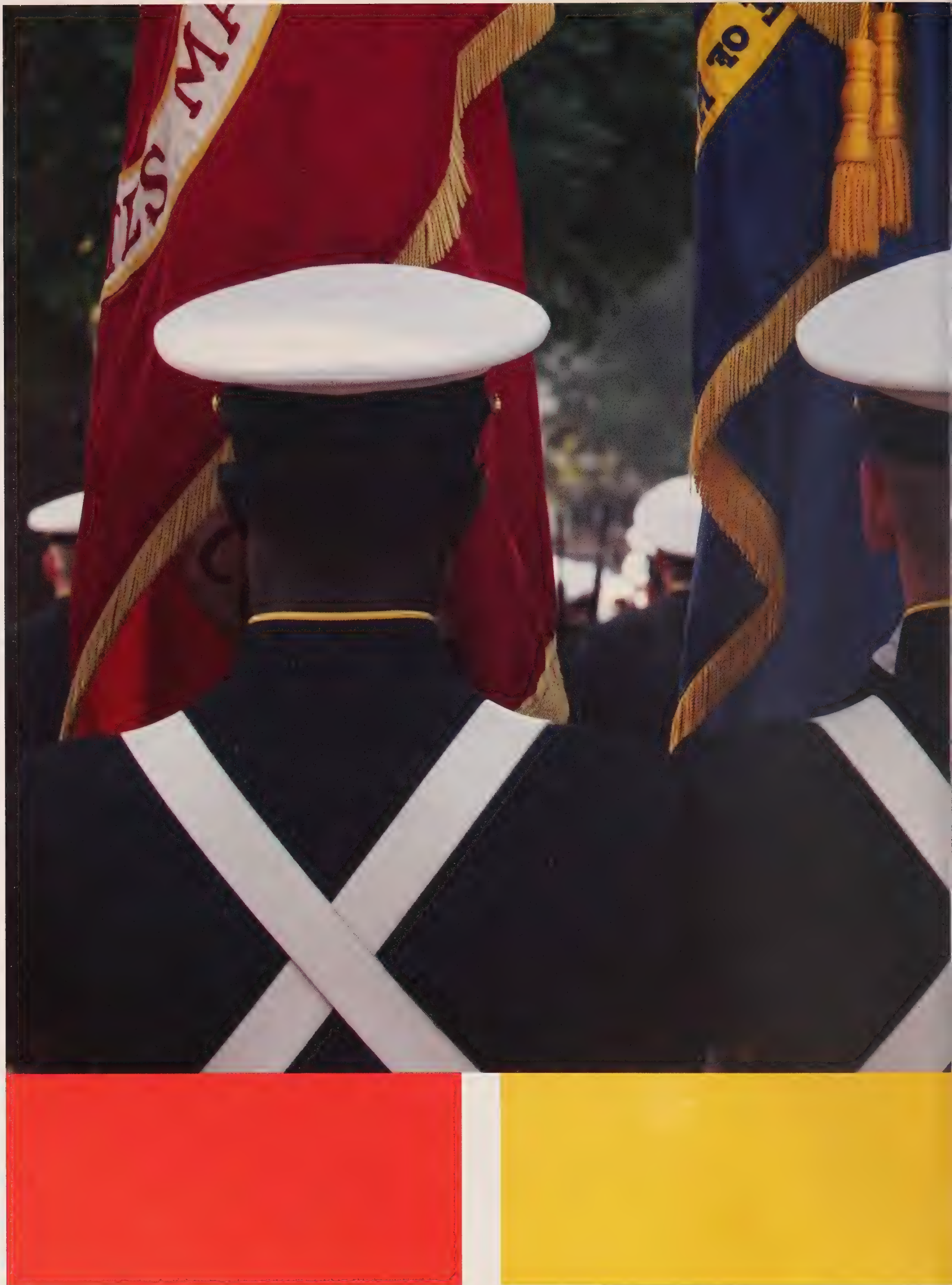
Between the “big-head” cut-outs at various sports games, the miles of painstakingly crafted plebe boards that line the peeways of Bancroft Hall, and popularity of sporting USNA flags while on leave, Midshipmen have continuously found ways to support the Brigade through several different means. Even wearing a Naval Academy shirt in an unfamiliar location can go a long way in promoting in the Naval Academy both for present and future generations. Additionally, the use of social media have added to the impact to these messages.





Promoting the Right *Message* for the Naval Academy Community

While USNA organizations such as MAG do a great deal in promoting a positive image for both the Naval Academy and community, the way the average Midshipmen carries himself or herself both in person and on the internet has proven to go a long way. There is a great deal of pride that goes into upholding the principles of honor, courage, and commitment and demanding excellence in everything we do. This message is not just a reflection of the current classes going through the Academy, but also for the thousands of past graduates as well.





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